

## KENDALL NATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION



### Winner returns to Kendall

Liisa Pallandi, the winner of the 2010 Kendall National Violin Competition gave a superb recital to a near capacity audience at the Kendall School of Arts on March 6. Liisa performed Robert Schumann's romantic "Fairy tales" on a viola made by luthier Graham Caldersmith which she had chosen as the first prize for last year's competition. Together with pianist Jeanell Carrigan Liisa also delighted the enthusiastic audience with Violin Sonatas by Schubert and Brahms, a Romance by Beethoven and a stunning display of virtuosity in a work for solo violin by Eugene Ysaye.

Liisa Pallandi recently graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium with a first class honours degree in Performance and she has taken up an offer from the National

Academy in Melbourne to study on full scholarship there in 2011 and pursue performance opportunities with the Melbourne Symphony. In February this year Liisa was the leader of the Australian Youth Orchestra and performed in concerts in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Liisa is hoping to take up the Kendall National Violin Competition's "Timberlay Travel Scholarship" later this year for further studies in Europe. *"The Kendall Violin Competition has been a fabulous opportunity for me – the viola has a wonderful, warm sound and the recitals with Jeanell Carrigan were a really great experience and truly enjoyable."*

Goetz Richter, Artistic Director of the Kendall Competition, was in Kendall and Nambucca Heads for the recitals. *"Liisa is a real artist- she plays with beautiful charisma and warmth and she has a great future ahead. Liisa is a born leader – she will be a wonderful ambassador for Australia and for the Kendall Competition in years to come."*

The 2011 Kendall Competition dates have been announced on the competition's website and the competition will be formally launched on April 19 at 6 pm at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music with a brief performance by Liisa Pallandi and Jeanell Carrigan. Liisa will also play a further recital at "The Manors" in Mosman (Sydney) on April 20. For further information please contact the Kendall National Violin Competition Committee.

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